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LIMDIS FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF EGAN

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1374

1. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY GOA UNWILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER
OTHER ACTIONS TO PROTECT LIFE OF EGAN. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE
TO PRESS ARGENTINE OFFICIALS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. WHAT PRECISELY IS GOA PLAN OF ACTION TO AVOID
THREATENED EXECUTION OF EGAN TODAY? WHAT STRATAGEMS ARE
THEY CONTEMPLATING IN ORDER TO STALL, BUY TIME AND DEVISE
OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO OBTAIN EGAN'S RELEASE?

3. IF PRISONERS NAMED IN MONTONEROS COMMUNIQUE ARE NOT IN
GOA CUSTODY, WHY DO THEY NOT SO STATE PUBLICLY?

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4. DOES THE GOA HAVE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH TO COMMUNICATE WITH MONTONEROS? HAVE THEY USED IT? WITH WHAT RESULT?

5. WOULD GOA CONSIDER PROPOSING TO MONTONEROS PRESENTATION OF OTHER PRISONERS ON MEDIA? WOULD GOA BE WILLING TO

ACQUIESCE TO FURTHER PUBLICITY FOR MONTONERO'S CAUSE IN EXCHANGE FOR EGAN'S FREEDOM?

6. WE APPRECIATE EFFORT BEING EXERTED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES BUT WE BELIEVE THAT USG AND GOA MUST CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT NO REASONABLE ACTION IS BEING OVERLOOKED IN PURSUIT OF OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE OF SAFE RETURN OF EGAN. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM FIRM GOA IMAGE AND FROM CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST MONTONEROS AND OTHER TERRORISTS. KISSINGER

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